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Leave my satellite radio alone. I am sick and tired of listening to endless commercials and "talking head" personalities that dominate the commercial airwaves. You would think that the broadcasters would get the hint when people are willing to pay for what's free.....

The instant traffic is a lifeline in Los Angeles. On commercial radio, you have to wait for 15 minutes to get any update on the traffic and then it's hit and miss if the segment broadcast applies to where you are or where you're going. While this may not be a big issue in Jackson Hole, WY, it is here in LA.

The U.S. is falling behind the rest of the world due to the actions of a few who are threatened by progress and stubbornly refuse to innovate. Japan has had traffic Navi in their cars for years. The U.S. will soon get it. Why has it taken so long? Special interest lobbyists with myopia.

It's time to tell the commercial broadcasters that they don't own traffic reporting, on air music, weather, or other public services. That information is in the public domain and property of all citizens. You might consider sending the NAB a strong message, by denying their petition, that they should consider providing programming that people want to listen to and services in the way that they demand. If they did, XM wouldn't be an issue. Competition and innovation made this country great. Don't allow the FCC to be party to a lame complaint on the part of their special interests. Oh, by the way.... which one of the complainants offers nationwide service - where you can listen to the same station anywhere in the U.S.? The answer is none.

Leave XM alone. Keep in mind that the FCC doesn't own the airwaves either. They are property of the citizens of the United States. Your citizens are demanding change. They're tired of the pablum on commercial radio and the "personalities", screaming commercials, and limited music choices. If XM weren't a better choice, do you think I'd pay \$20 a month for radio (I have more than one receiver)? No, I wouldn't. The NAB has no right to tell me what to listen to.... it's part of the personal freedom available in the U.S. .

Send the NAB packing with a resounding denial of their petition. If they want to compete, they should do so fairly.... and that is develop a better product or they should perish.

Next they'll attack TIVO.... I personally don't want to listen to commercials for 20 minutes every hour. I want information... and I want it now. I'm willing to pay for it. It's my car and my house. I can choose what I listen to and it's XM. It's available to anyone with ten bucks - that's two Starbucks a month, a 12-pack of beer, or a pack of cigarettes and a bottle of Coke in New York City - and far healthier. It's not out of the price range of anyone.... it would be far superior in the event of a national emergency because it's satellite based and offers nationwide service. An FM radio station in LA is useless within 60 miles. The airwaves here are so over-crowded that the cross-talk between stations is horrendous (I don't know what else to call radio stations crossing frequencies). XM is clear and doesn't have those issues.

Thanks for listening.